

Late Report: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on Monday, June 23 to file a privileged report making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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Strengthen AmeriCorps Program Act: The House passed S. 1276, to improve the manner in which the Corporation for National and Community Service approves, and records obligations relating to, national service positions—clearing the measure for the President.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of June 23.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, June 23: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23 for morning-hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 25.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Putnam wherein he announced his resignation from the Committee on Resources.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 284 electing Representative Neugebauer to the Committees on Agriculture, Resources, and Science and Representative McCotter to the Committee on Small Business.

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Honoring the Celebration of Lou Gehrig's 100th Birthday and his Legacy in the Search for a Cure for ALS: H. Res. 278, recognizing the contributions Lou Gehrig and his legacy have made in the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

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Congratulating the San Antonio Spurs on Winning the NBA Championship: H. Res. 279, Congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2003 NBA Championship.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H5553.

Referral: S. 1276 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5560–61, H5561–62, H5594–95, H5596–97, H5597, H5635–36, H5637, and H5637–38. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW—COMMODITY FUTURES MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

SCHOOL READINESS ACT

Committee on Education and Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act.

HIGHER EDUCATION-INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS QUESTIONS OF BIAS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing on "International Programs in Higher Education and Questions of Bias." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT; SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2743, as amended, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act, and H.R. 531, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998–2001, under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

NEW BASEL ACCORD—UNIFIED U.S. POSITION SEARCH

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "The New Basel Accord—In Search of a Unified U.S. Position." Testimony was heard from Roger Ferguson, Vice-Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James E. Gilleran, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and

John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency; Donald Powell, chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

RURAL HOUSING IN AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Rural Housing in America." Testimony was heard from Phyllis Fong, Inspector General, USDA; William B. Shear, Acting Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; REPORT

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2396, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California as the "Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office," H.R. 1761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building"; H.R. 2249, Postmasters Equity Act of 2003; H.R. 2328, to designate the facility of the Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building"; H. Con. Res. 6, supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month; H. Con. Res. 208, Supporting the National Men's Health Week; and H. Res. 240, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Community Health Center Week to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers.

The Committee also approved the following report entitled "Report—A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records."

NEXT STEP—INVESTIGATION OF USE OF INFORMANTS BY JUSTICE—WILLIAM BULGER TESTIMONY

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "The Next Step in the Investigation of the Use of Informants by the Department of Justice." Testimony was heard from William Bulger, President, University of Massachusetts.

U.S. POLICY IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy in Afghanistan: Current Issues in Reconstruction. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Peter Tomsen, former Special Envoy to Afghanistan; Larry P. Goodson, Professor, Middle East Studies, Department of National Security and Strategy, U.S.

Army War College, Department of the Army; Bernard Frahi, Chief, Operations Branch, Division for Operations and Analysis, Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, United Nations; and public witnesses.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FOOD CONSUMPTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 339, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CONSULAR ID CARDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on "The Issuance, Acceptance, and Reliability of Consular Identification Cards." Testimony was heard from Representative Gutierrez; John Andrews, member, Senate, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DOMESTIC NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SHORTAGE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Domestic Natural Gas Supply Shortage. Testimony was heard from Steve Brown, Director, Energy Economics and Micro Economic Policy Analysis, Office of the Federal Reserve System, Dallas, Texas; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health and the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a joint hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2057, Chronic Wasting Disease Support for States Act of 2003; and H.R. 2416, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands. Testimony was heard from Representative McGovern; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Charles Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; and Robert Lamb, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget; the following officials of the USDA: Bobby Acord, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and Elizabeth Estill, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 511, Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in

Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes; H.R. 1038, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; and H.R. 1651, Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tancred, Radanovich, Bishop of Utah and Thompson of California; Elizabeth Estill, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA; Larry Parkinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Law Enforcement and Security, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—UPDATE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on the Need to Update Water Quality Standards to Improve Clean Water Act Programs. Testimony was heard from John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT AVAILABILITY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2351, Health Savings Account Availability Act.

UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight and the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a joint hearing on unemployment fraud and abuse. Testimony was heard from Mason Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Robert J. Cramer, Managing Director, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; David Clegg, Deputy Chairman, Communications, Employment Security Commission, State of North Carolina; and a public witness.

S CORPORATION REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on S Corporation Reforms. Testimony was heard from Greg Jen-

ner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

IRAQ WMD

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to continue hearings on Iraq WMD. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Counterintelligence Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

“RESPONSE TO TERRORISM: HOW IS DHS IMPROVING OUR CAPABILITIES?”

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Response to Terrorism: How is DHS Improving Our Capabilities?” Testimony was heard from Michael Brown, Under Secretary, Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing to examine Iraqi reconstruction and humanitarian activities, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.